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1. IN AN ADDRESS TUESDAY TO THE KHMER PARLIAMENT
OUTLINING THE PROGRAM OF HIS NEW GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER
LONG BORET STRESSED THE FOLLOWING SIX POINTS: 1) A STRONG
ARMY, 2) STRONG CITIZENS AND INSTITUTIONS, 3) AVOIDING
INTERNAL QUARRELS AND MAINTAINING A FIRM INTERNAL FRONT
TOWARD ADVERSITY, 4) MOBILISING ALL MEANS TO INCREASE
DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, 5) OBTAINING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT
FOR THE NATIONAL STRUGGLE AND 6) OPENING DIALOGUES
TO BRING ABOUT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. DECLARING
THE STATE IN DANGER, HE APPEALED FOR NATIONAL UNITY
INCLUDING CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE CAMBODIA'S SECURITY.
HE PROMISED THE GOVERNMENT'S BEST EFFORTS TO SOLVE
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ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. REAFFIRMING THE

ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS TO FIND A FORMULA FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT ALL INITIATIVES OR IDEAS DIRECTED TOWARD THIS END. AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, HE STRESSED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO FIGHT FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC'S RIGHTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. SPEAKING OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER SIDE, PRIME MINISTER BORET SAID QUOTE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HOLDS TO ITS JUST POSITION, THAT OF A PEACEFUL DIALOGUE TO SEEK A FORMULA LEADING TO UNION AND RECONCILIATION AMONG ALL KHMERS, AND REFUSES ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE SOLUTION OF THE KHMER PROBLEM UNQUOTE.

2. THE FANK MILITARY SPOKESMAN REPORTED TUESDAY THAT 314 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS DIED MONDAY IN THE GOVERNMENT BREAK-THROUGH ON ROUTE 5 SOUTH OF LOVEK. IN ADDITION, 21 COMMUNISTS WERE CAPTURED AND 79 ENEMY WEAPONS SEIZED. FANK LOST 21 DEAD AND 45 WOUNDED. GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE NOW REPORTED ONLY 4 1/2 KILOMETERS FROM THE FORMER FANK BEACHHEAD POSITION AT KOMPONG LUONG ON THE TONLE SAP RIVER. THREE KILOMETERS TO THE NORTH, AN ADDITIONAL 1,200 LOVEK REFUGEES BOARDED NAVY CRAFT AT THE RECENTLY-ESTABLISHED BEACHHEAD POSITION FOR THE TRIP TO KOMPONG CHHNANG. THEY TOOK WITH THEM HUNDREDS OF CATTLE AND OX-CARTS.

3. TWO CHINESE-MADE 107MM ROCKETS HIT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF SOUTHERN PHNOM PENH MONDAY NIGHT KILLING THREE PEOPLE AND WOUNDING 14 OTHERS, ALL CIVILIANS. IT WAS THE FIRST ROCKET ATTACK UPON THE CAPITAL IN MORE THAN A WEEK.

4. COMMUNIST PRESSURE AGAINST THE ISOLATED GARRISON OF KOMPONG SEILA ON LOWER ROUTE 4 PICKED UP IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. GROUND ASSAULTS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE REPORTED ALL AROUND THE BASE'S PERIMETER. GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE DESCRIBED AS LIGHT TO MODERATE. NO GROUND, HOWEVER, WAS LOST TO THE ENEMY. NEARBY DAS KANCHOR REPORTED SCATTERED ATTACKS BY FIRE CAUSING NO CASUALTIES.

5. THE COMMUNIST-INTERDICTED PORTION OF ROUTE 5
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NORTHWEST OF PURSAT WAS REDUCED MONDAY FROM 18 TO 16 KILOMETERS. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ARE UNDER WAY AT BOTH ENDS OF THE INTERDICTED STRETCH TO CLEAR OUT THE COMMUNIST FORCES. ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNISTS HAVE HALTED TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD, NO GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ON THE HIGHWAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE ENEMY.

6. A RASH OF COMMUNIST ATTACKS BY FIRE AT PREY VENG

INCLUDING ONE GROUND PROBE KILLED THREE GOVERNMENT
SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED THREE OTHERS. FIVE COMMUNISTS
DIED AS GOVERNMENT DEFENDERS REPULSED THE GROUND ATTACK.
A SHARP INCREASE IN COMMUNIST PRESSURE WAS NOTED MONDAY
AT PREK TAMERK WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES TAKING MODRATE
CASUALTIES FROM SHELLINGS AND GROUND ASSAULTS. KHMER
NAVAL CRAFT HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE TO SUPPORT
THE GOVERNMENT DEFENDERS. MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS ALSO
REPORTED AT KOMPONG CHAM, TAKEO, KAMPOT AND AT O SANDAN
ON ROUTE 5 SOUTH OF KOMPONG CHHNANG.

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